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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHEN ET AL.

Examiner

Ross N. Gushi

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/26/05
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 12-20, 27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10, 11, 21-26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/26/05
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Regarding claim 27, no detail is given as to how the stacked second storage area would be configured is given, whether by some kind of common insertion area, a second stacked connector, some kind of modified housing including two slots, or something else entirely. The limitation is treated as meaning a duplication of the first housing.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 and 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in —

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or

(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United

States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a);

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chang et al. ("Chang"). Regarding claims 1, 3, 8, 9, Chang discloses a sensor module (spring switch 3) for a card connector, the connector having an inlet end through which the card is inserted, and a terminating end opposing the inlet end, characterized in that the sensor module is provided at the terminating end and activated by a leading edge of the card from a normally non actuated position to an actuated position.

Per claim 1, Chang discloses a first contact and a second contact, each having a first section and a second section, and the non-actuate position is such that the second sections are substantially parallel to one another in a normally non-contact arrangement (figure 5).

Per claim 4, major planes of the first sections (311, 321) of the first and second contacts extend in a first direction, and major planes of the second sections (322 313) of the first and second contacts extend in a second direction normal to the first direction.

Per claim 5, the directions are as claimed.

Per claims 6, 7, Chang discloses extension 312.

Claims 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18, are rejected for the reasons pertaining to claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang. Chang does not show the second storage area. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to include a second storage area. The suggestion or motivation for doing so would have been to accommodate a second card, such motivation being well known in the art.

Claim 3, 8, 9, 14, 19, and 20, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang in view of Reichardt et al. ("Reichardt"). Chang discloses a switch closed by card insertion. Reichardt discloses a switch open by card insertion (or alternatively closed by card insertion). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to modify the Chang switch to be closed open by card insertion, such as by locating the contact arm 314 of terminal 31 rearward of terminal 32, as taught in Reichardt. The suggestion or motivation for doing so would have been to have the switch be open at card insertion, as taught in Reichardt and as is well known in the art. Alternatively, such a modification would have been a matter of engineering design choice given that both configurations are well known in the art (see e.g. Reichardt figures 29a-29c and col. 1 lines 20-55).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 10, 11, 21-26 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art does not suggest the module

as claimed, including the combination of all the claimed elements, the combination including the overmolding as claimed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ross Gushi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2005. If attempts to reach the examiner by phone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A. Bradley, can be reached at 571-272-2800 extension 33. The phone number for the Group's facsimile is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross Gushi", written in a cursive style.

ROSS GUSHI
PRIMARY EXAMINER